| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23. | Sikkim | 0 | May |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 0 | May |
| 25. | Tripura | 0 | May |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 0 | May |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 0 | May |
| 28. | West Bengal | 0 | Mar. |
| | **Total (States)** | **24** | |
| 29. | A & N Islands | 0 | Jun. |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 0 | May |
| 31. | D & N Haveli | 0 | Mar. |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 0 | Jun. |
| 33. | Delhi | 0 | Apr. |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 0 | Jun. |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 0 | May |
| | **TOTAL (UTs)** | **0** | |
| | **TOTAL (ALL INDIA)** | **24** | |

Source: Monthly Crime Statistics.
Note: Figures are Provisional.

**Brides abandoned by NRIs**

707. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women, looking into an estimated 30,000 instances of NRI groms abandoning their Indian brids, has recommended for a law to protect the helpless women thus left deserted;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Commission; and

(c) Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Malnutrition in the country**

708. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to UNICEF, India is home to one in three of the world's malnourished children and nearly half of Indian children are undernourished compared with a quarter of those in Sub-Saharan Africa;

(b) if so, the details available with Government as on date;

(c) the steps so far taken by Government to curb the malnutrition among the children;

(d) whether Government have set any time-frame to completely eradicate the malnutrition among the boys and girls;

(e) if so, the details worked out so far; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per UNICEF report titled "Progress for Children, A Report Card on Nutrition, No.4, May, 2006", 39.04% of the underweight children under 5 years in the World are from India. In Sub-Saharan Africa, as per the Report, 28% of children are underweight.

(b) The National Level data on undernourishment among children is compiled through the National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The latest data available from NFHS-2 (1998-99) on State-wise distribution of undernourished children upto three years is given in the Statement. (*see* below) The work relating to NFHS-3 is underway at present and findings are likely to be available by the end of the year.